

READ FIRST THIS, THEN THAT

FACETIOUS.

Many a young man who would dislike being called a big sunflower or a lily even, is proud of being called a poppy.—*New Jersey Enterprise.*

"What do you think of my new bonnet?" said Mrs. Slicer. "Too much poke for a shilling," said Seth; but he will change his mind when the bill comes in.

When a lady advertises that she keeps boarders merely for company, after you have paid one week's bill you understand that it is for a stock company, and you are expected to keep up all the assessments.—*Herald.*

One of the morning papers contains an account of how a man lost a gold watch on a street-car, and states that the case is in the hands of a detective. If the case is in the hands of a detective, we venture to inquire what has become of the works?

Captain. "Look you once, under officer, what the Meyer for gigantic strides makes?" Under-officer. "Excuse me, Mr. Captain, that does he only over avance?" Captain. "Out of avance! How so that?" Under-officer: "So that his boots less wear out."—*Detroit Free Press.*

"No," said the prominent Kansas citizen, "no, boy, I won't accept the office of county treasurer. I'm comfortably fixed, like my friends and neighbors, and my family like me, don't want to have to skip out to Canada and leave all this." Much obliged for the chance, but I can't accept."

A gentleman somewhat advanced in life, and who was never remarkable for his good looks, asked his grandchild what he thought of him. The boy's parents were present. The youngster made no reply. "Well, why won't you tell me what you think of me?" "Cause I don't want to get licked," was the answer.

Things one would rather have left unsaid:—Nervous person (speaking at last to his neighbor). "Do you know who that remarkably ugly person is just opposite—talking to the black-haired lady you know—um—eh?" Neighbor. "That, sir, is my brother." Nervous person. "Yes? I—I—I beg your pardon—I—stupid of me not to have seen the family likeness—a—a—a—" [Laughs and disappears]—*Punch.*

A quartette of darkies were the other day, discussing the orthoepy of the word "exactly." "I nose what it is," said one, "I am exactly." "You doin' no nuffin'," said another. "It am jus' zactly." "Prezactly am do nite way," chimed in a third. The fourth became disgusted, cried, "You better go to school sum more for you ten to nounce de word 'exactly,' now dat's what I tell yer for true." And the club dispersed.

Tommy was a rogue whom his mother had hard work to manage. Their house in the country was raised a few feet from the ground, and Tommy, to escape a well-directed whipping, ran from his mother and crept under the house. Presently the father came home, and, hearing where the boy had taken refuge, crept under to bring him out. As he approached on his hands and knees Tommy said, "Is she after you, too?"—*Baptist Weekly.*

The Life Saver:—Forster.—"Unthankfulness is of the world's pay. See you, of this man there have I the life saved, and he bids me the time not once." Second huntsman.—"How, on what may have you him the life saved?" Have you him out of tip water pulled?" Forster.—"No; by one hunt shot I him a whole load duck shot in the far cup, had a little deeper shot, it would out with him have been."—*Detroit Free Press Transcription from the German.*

An experiment!—It is said that if you have presence of mind enough to face a ringing bell and look him straight in the eye he is powerless to do harm. We tried this experiment once and found it worked admirably. The fierce animal tore the ground with his feet and bellowed with all his might; but something seemed to hold him back like magic and he did us no injury. Perhaps we ought to add, in order to be correct historically, that the bull was on the other side of the fence. We never try an experiment of that kind without taking the proper precautions beforehand.—*New York Herald.*

The hotel clerk is a young man who was originally destined to fill an emperor's throne or adorn a dukedom; but when he grew up, there being fewer thrones and domes than there were emperors and dukes, he was temporarily forced to take a position behind a hotel register. His chief characteristics are dignity of bearing, radiant gourgeousness of apparel, haughtiness of manner and jocundity. His principal duties consist of him, merrily on the call bell, in handing guests the wrong keys to their rooms, and in keeping a supply of toothpicks on the end of the desk.—*Tea-Siftings.*

DISAPPOINTED ENTIRELY. Mr. W. F. Hetherington, editor of the *Sentinel*, informed one of our representatives that he tried St. Jacob's Oil for rheumatism, and found it all that could be asked. The remedy caused the pain to entirely disappear.—*Emporia (Kan.) News.*

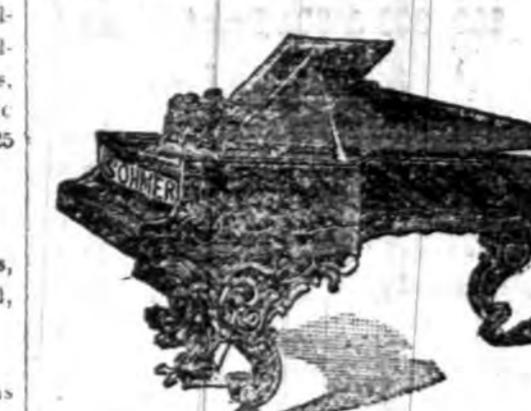
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